

ANIELS SCOFFS AT PEACE DRIVE

Naval Secretary Says Allied Victories Spurred Central Powers to Act OFFER BARRIER OF FEAR

American Courage on Land and Sea Cause Teuton Allies to Quake

By the United Press Annapolis, Sept. 18. Austria's peace offer to Belgium and the "scream of the Kaiser at Essen" were all due directly to the Allied-American victories, Secretary Daniels said today at the graduation of 516 ensigns from the Naval Academy.

"If the Allied forces had not won military victories," said Daniels, "no such remarkable speech as Wilhelm's would have been delivered, the tender to Belgium would not have been made and the Austrian fleet would not have been sent forth.

"There is a lesson for us today in the sequence of these events. Military success is the only argument that Germany's military leaders can understand. . . . The Allied advances are alone responsible for the offer of peace to Belgium and the proposition of the Austrian Emperor for a conference.

"The American courage on land and sea wrote the first notes of the peace offensive. Having failed in the attempt to bring about the end of the human war lords and their associates start a peace drive."

Daniels scoffed at the Kaiser's Essen speech. "Let nobody question the truthfulness of the statement that he did all in vain to shorten the war," the Secretary continued. "No Hun, no Hun, no Hun, medieval, sought his end by less consideration of those upon whom his soldiers trampled in their eagerness to shorten the war and fatten upon the fruits of the labor of the conquered."

Clemenceau Stands Firm With Wilson

Continued from Page One. It is assumed that the Western cabinet will resign at an early date. According to a Vienna telegram to the Reichpost, the Austrian peace note was dispatched after consultation with Germany with the latter's fullest approval. The note was accompanied by an animated exchange of views between the two governments, and the German government, the dispatch adds, considered that the moment for its issuance was not ill-chosen.

URGENT ALLIES DIRECT PEACE BID ANSWER TO TEUTON PEOPLES

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"President Wilson speaks, of course, only for America, but the Entente Powers cannot fail to be influenced by his example," the Daily Chronicle asserts. "They are not absolved thereby from the obligation of giving a more detailed reply than was necessary from the American President. The position is not the same as that of their own people, and to the democracies of the world, it shows that the peace is animated by imperialistic ambitions and have no desire to annihilate Germany. In short, their reply ought to be couched so as to carry a message of hope and not of despair to the masses of the population both in Germany and in Austria-Hungary."

KAISER'S MAIN OBJECT A PATCHED-UP PEACE

Paris, Sept. 18.—The two great outstanding objectives of the Allies and the enemy, respectively, are now becoming more clear in the eyes of public opinion here with heavy day's operations. That of the Allies, for the time being, is simply and solely to drive the Germans out of France. Outside of this positive duty, nothing else really counts; for it involves all else that the great fraternal nations who have banded together against the common enemy have in view.

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back by the Americans, Hertling, Von Payer and the Emperor himself are loudly proclaiming their readiness to negotiate for peace, to renounce their conquests, and to rejoin the community of nations. As Paris sees it, the sole object of the Germans now is to patch up a temporary peace in order to disintegrate the present political and diplomatic organization of the Allies and enable the enemy to gain time to create a more powerful military machine. That is why embodying in his armies the millions of men he hopes sooner or later to draw from Poland, the Ukraine, Lithuania and his other conquests in the east, and to be in a position to plunge Europe into another and even more treacherous blood bath in ten years' time.

VON HINTZE APPROVED AUSTRIA'S PEACE NOTE

Discussed and Sanctioned by Cabinets Despite Denials

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Metz Can Be Taken, Says Gen. Maurice

By MAJOR GENERAL SIR FREDERICK B. MAURICE Continued from Page One

The new front in the West and in Lorraine has thus suddenly become of the greatest importance to the Allies. It is now a question of defense, and can no longer be limitedly held. I have already mentioned the losses inflicted upon the enemy as one of the important results of the American victory. We can appreciate how great they are when we learn that the enemy has been compelled to continue the policy of leaving upon his manpower capital and that before he was defeated at St. Mihiel he had broken up most of his divisions. He has now lost 21 of his own divisions on the western front. This means that about nineteen divisions, which include 171 infantry battalions, have disappeared since the middle of summer when he was at his greatest strength.

DRIVE BACK FOE'S PLANES German Aviation Machine Gunners Foiled by Americans

By the Associated Press With the American Army in Lorraine, Sept. 18.—The American machine gunners and bombers attacked what they supposed to be the most of Vandieres last night. The mist and low clouds saved the Germans from finding their targets. The Germans themselves were located and driven back by anti-aircraft fire.

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While the Americans continue their advance northward the French are pushing eastward from Verdun in the direction of Etain.

ALLIES WIN 4000 CAPTIVES AND 30 GUNS IN BALKANS

Serbian and French Troops Plunge Five Miles on 15-Mile Front

By the Associated Press Paris, Sept. 18.—Allied forces on the Macedonian front have penetrated to a depth of nearly four and one-half miles on a front of fifteen and one-half miles and have captured 4000 prisoners, according to an official statement issued by the War Office.

The text of the statement reads: "Operations on the Macedonian front continued very successfully. The front through Sokolka, Dobropolje and Vetren has been widened to twenty-five kilometers, and the Allied forces have penetrated to a depth of seven kilometers. Prisoners to the number of 4000, including a staff colonel, have been captured. Thirty guns, numerous machine-throws and machine guns and considerable booty have been taken. The Serbian forces are vying with the French in courage and spirit."

The early success of the Allied troops in Macedonia led to a general offensive in this area with the purpose of cutting off Turkey. A movement of this character, carried to completion, would crush Bulgaria and free Serbia and a large part of the oppressed nationalities of the Balkans.

Redfield Favors Canal Purchase

Continued from Page One and the Delaware River; and the latter river with the Chesapeake Bay, particular reference to be paid to their ownership and operation by the Government. "It has been found," Secretary Redfield reported, "that the proposed canal is modern and efficient in most respects and that with a moderate widening and deepening it would accommodate virtually all the coastwise traffic now going around Cape Cod. Somewhat to the location of the present Chesapeake and Delaware Canal has been found to be the best route for the construction of a deep-sea level canal, only in the case of the canal across New Jersey would an entirely new route be required for the present and prospective needs of the country's commerce."

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Americans Capture Strong Positions

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On Monday the Americans advanced again, and they not only occupied the village but passed beyond it, establishing their lines to the north of the place. American patrols pushed within 300 yards of Pagny on Monday afternoon.

The fourteenth German storm battalion which attacked the Americans at Seicheprey in May was training the Thirty-fifth Austro-Hungarian assault battalion in German machine-gun methods at Marimbos farm when thrown into the line in an effort to stem the American advance. The unit was ordered to hold Haumont to the end, but an American platoon surprised it and the Germans surrendered without firing a shot.

Two Prussian 203-millimeter guns, six German 105-millimeter guns, six machine guns, 100 lighter machine guns, two anti-aircraft guns, 1000 rifles and 350,000 rounds of small-arm ammunition were captured. Most of the prisoners were taken from artillery units.

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L'EROISMO DELLA FANTERIA ITALIANA

Una Vittoria Conseguita Nonostante la Formidabile Difesa Preparate Dagli Austriaci

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Roma, 18 settembre. I corrispondenti di guerra presso il Quartier Generale Italiano mandano i particolari della brillante azione recente compiuta dalla fanteria italiana nell'alta Brenta. L'azione si svolse nella ristretta gola del Brenta tra precipizi, nel punto ove il fiume lascia le linee austriache per scorrere nella vallata. In questo punto il nemico, fisso dalla scorsa inverno, aveva stabilito formidabili barricate di reticolati ed un complesso sistema di difese.

Tra le roccie, nelle caverne che fiancheggiavano la stretta gola del fiume, gli austriaci avevano collocato numerosi mitragliatori con le quali battevano tutta la zona e rendevano, se non impossibile, pericolosissimo un tentativo di avanzata in questa direzione. Ma la fanteria italiana volle ancora una volta dar prova del suo valore ed all'alba del giorno 16 corrente effettuò risolutamente l'attacco, riuscendo ad abbattere i reticolati ed i sistemi di difesa e catturando 350 prigionieri.

Il combattimento che si svolse fu violentissimo e breve, ed alla vittoria della fanteria italiana, efficacemente contrirono gli aviatori i quali, volando a basse altitudini, gettarono bombe sopra i punti di difesa.

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ave erano piazzate le mitragliatrici e mitragliarono la guarnigione delle trincee austriache. Poco dopo detta azione un'altra brillante operazione veni va effettuata dagli italiani nella regione a nord di Monte Grappa, ove con una serie di incursioni riuscirono a migliorare le loro linee, catturando al nemico oltre 300 prigionieri e parecchie mitragliatrici.



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